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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION

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Commissioner:

In response to the Final Action of July 11, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-4, 10, 13-15, 21, 33-36, 42, 45-47 and 53 as follows. Unamended claims are also enclosed for the Examiner's reference convenience.

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1. (Thrice Amended) An ATM switch, comprising:
a plurality of input ports for receiving data units on virtual connections, each of the data units designating a priority;
a plurality of output ports, each output port operatively associated with a plurality of output data stores and an output control; and
a switch fabric for switching data units from any of the input ports to any of the output ports;